

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Hears of Several Parties for the Littlest Children—Boys at St. Luke's School Make Jig Saw Puzzles for Wounded Soldiers

THERE was the dearest party out at Villanova on Tuesday afternoon. Small Sammy Bodine was three years old, and his mother, Mrs. W. W. Bodine, gave a party for him, and all the wee guests were three or four years old, so you know how darling it was.

THERE'S to be another party for the small kiddies—quite a large one at that—next Saturday. Mrs. G. Brinton Roberts, of Bala, is giving it for her little son, Henry Roberts, and her nephew, Henry Butcher, Jr., who are both four years old.

THERE is a great deal about the needs of our boys in the hospitals which many of us have overlooked. Do you know that many of our boys come back from the German hospitals with literally their clothes only? The Wayne branch of the Red Cross heard of this and the members out there are busily making hundreds of comfort bags for Camp Dix.

And every child you ever knew had to have a puzzle for Christmas. Well, as it is in the way with fads, the jigsaw were shrewded by something else and now there's something to be found in a shop.

I HEAR there are to be just three dinners before the Montgomery dance on March 31. There are to be seventy-five guests at the dance, which is being given for the oldest daughter of the Robert L. Montgomerys, Helen Hope.

Did you see what I saw yesterday? Or rather did you see her? Why, I nearly had a fit and almost broke my neck walking backward up Walnut street to watch this is what I saw: A girl, the daughter of one of our oldest and most dignified families, came out of a shop, blushed to the roots of her hair, but with a perfectly sober and serious face proceeded to climb up on the front seat of a truck, to the utter amazement of the driver, who gazed at her in silence.

Something made me look up, and there at the upstairs window of the building were many faces, girls about her age, and their faces were convulsed with mirth, and they remembered, "way back in the dim days of my youth, having had to do some such awful thing and I knew what it all was. Mary was simply being initiated into one of the fashionable fraternities.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Clothier, of Villanova, will entertain in their box at the opera, next Tuesday night in honor of their daughter, Miss Emily Clothier.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dearborn Smith, of Wynnewood, will entertain at dinner on Monday night for their daughter, Miss Virginia Smith, and Mr. Arthur D. Smith, Jr., before the subscription dance at the Merion Cricket Club on Monday night, which is to be given for the benefit of the Bryn Mawr Hospital social service work.

The marriage of Miss Alice Pardee Earle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Earle, of Crittenden street, Chestnut Hill, and Lieutenant Harry Albert Holland, U. S. M. C., of Philadelphia, will take place in Easter week.

Another interesting wedding will be that of Miss G. Helen Moore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Cameron, of School House lane and Greene street, Germantown, and Captain R. Ponton Fisher, on May 21, at 4 o'clock, in Calvary Church, Germantown.

Mr. William Boyd Allen, of Petersburg, Va., has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Louise Allen, and Mr. Horace Franklin Case, of this city. The marriage will take place in Petersburg on April 22.

released from the army and has returned to his home, 7212 Crawford street, Chestnut Hill. He was captain in the 6888 Central Postal Directory, Pennsylvania National Guard when the regiment was called out and sent to Camp Hancock. The greater part of his time in France he served as aide to General Murphy, commander of the Twenty-eighth (Arm) Division. Captain Tighman is the son of Mrs. Benjamin Chew Tighman, of 2212 St. James place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale H. Pitter, of 1945 Locust street, have gone to Hot Springs, Va., to remain through the early spring.

Mrs. Annie Simpson Shoemaker, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her brother, Mr. Mitchell Simpson, of Green lane, Roxborough.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Ames, of Providence, R. I., announce the marriage of their niece, Miss Mary Gertrude Brownell, to Lieutenant Benjamin Anvers Murphy, Star 478, S. A., on Thursday, January 23, at Paris, France.

Lieutenant Murphy is the son of Mrs. (deceased) Mrs. Murphy, of South Philadelphia, and grandson of the late Mr. John Power, Thirty-ninth and Spruce streets.

The annual Shakespeare evening of the Browning Society, Philadelphia, will take place tonight in the New Century Drawing Room, with Mrs. Lewis R. Dick, the president, presiding. Mrs. Edward Horner Coates and Miss Cordell Board will read extracts from Shakespeare's works, and Mrs. Mae Ebbey Hotz will sing six songs from Shakespeare's plays. Manuscript night, April 3, and the Benjamin Franklin anniversary commemoration will close the season's meetings.

Friends of Miss Kathryn W. Dunn will be glad to know that she is recovering from her recent illness and will spend the month of April at the Delaware Water gap.

Mrs. Ralph Pyle Miller, of West Washington lane, Germantown, entertained at a bridge luncheon on St. Patrick's Day. The guests included Mrs. Charles Matthews, Mrs. Chandra-Richter, Miss Edna Meyer, Mrs. Harold Deaver, Mrs. W. Clay Fox, Mrs. W. Humphreys, Mrs. Walter Gilbert and Mrs. Harold Smith.

The American Bridge Company's Club will give a masked dance this evening at the clubhouse, Woodvale, Wissahickon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kraemer announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy White, to Mr. Lewis Stangler, which took place yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Stangler will be at home on Sunday, April 27, from 7 until 9 o'clock at 2827 North Bouvier street.

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Landis, of Jenkins town, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Landis, to Mr. Howard Watson Walton, of Oak Lane.

An interesting wedding will take place this evening in the Hotel Philadelphia, when Miss Ada Mary Strouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Strouse, of 1802 Diamond street, will be married to Mr. Gerald D. Crocker. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Joseph M. Ford, of St. Ignace, Kenesheth Israel Temple. Mr. Strouse will give his daughter in marriage, and his sister, Miss Helen Strouse, will be her only attendant.

Mr. Sylvan Grossner, of Detroit, Mich., will be his brother's best man. The service will be followed by a dinner. Upon their return to Philadelphia the bridegroom and bride will be at home in West Chester, Pa.

Three Entertainments at Which Many Out-of-Town Guests Are Present

A Purim party was held this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blumberg, of 2125 Wharton street. Mr. Albert Pearl sang, accompanied by Miss P. Caplan. Mr. Joseph Israelson gave an exhibition dance with Miss Clara Sager. An exhibition dance was also given by Mr. Jules Caplan and Miss Yetta Blumberg. Mr. S. Caplan also gave an exhibition in Oriental dancing with Miss Fay Nicholson. Miss C. Sager gave several impersonations. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blumberg presented a sketch entitled, "Life and Love." Miss Katherine Caplan played a piano solo. Mr. Samuel Blumberg gave a violin solo accompanied by Miss Blumberg. Miss C. Caplan gave the tone dance. A quartet consisting of Mrs. C. Kramer, Mr. Kransky, Mr. Joseph Israelson and Mr. Jules Caplan sang. After the entertainment a supper was served. Those present were Miss E. Sobel, Mrs. W. Blumberg, Miss T. Traut, Miss P. Simon, Miss E. Nicholson, Miss F. Caplan, Miss C. Sager, Miss L. Herman, Miss S. Blumberg, Miss C. Nicholson, Miss A. Hirsh, Miss L. Tint, Miss C. Caplan, Miss P. Caplan, Miss K. Caplan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Blumberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caplan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Liberman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tint, Mr. A. Neff, Mr. J. Neff, Mr. D. Kramer, Mr. E. Leibowitz, Mr. A. Blumberg, Mr. W. Sager, Mr. C. D. Rophel, Mr. H. J. Sobel, Mr. J. Israelson, Mr. Millbourne, Mr. H. Herman, Mr. M. Blumberg, Mr. S. Blumberg, Mr. J. Caplan, Mr. L. Eshensky, Mr. J. Caplan, Mr. H. Caplan, Mr. L. Levett, Mr. B. Tint, Mr. G. Tint, Miss D. Sacks and Miss M. Sacks.

A Bar Mitzvah party was given in honor of Master Robert Blasband by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Blasband, on his thirteenth birthday, at the New Casino Hall, 719 Dickerson street. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. S. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. family of Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Frances Brenner, of San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Copp and their family, of San Bernardino, Calif.; Mr. J. Brenner, of Baltimore; Mr. I. Brenner, Mrs. J. Battner, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. D. Jaffe and their family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Blasband and their family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Blasband and their family, of Norristown; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blasband and family, of Norristown; Mr. and Mrs. M. Jaffe, of Phoenixville; Mr. and Mrs. M. Robenowitz, Mr. and Mrs. P. Weinstein and their family, Miss Ada Weiner, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. B. Grossman and their family, Mr. J. Goldberg, Mr. S. Goldstein; Miss Rebecca Jaffe, of Philadelphia; Mr. William Levick, Mr. W. Cohen, Mr. H. Herman and their son, Mr. and Mrs. S. Franch, Mrs. P. Mantel, of Philadelphia; Mr. Mantel, of Washington; Mr. Reiner, of New York; Mr. Miller, of Baltimore, and others.

Miss Jennie Chauncey and Miss Betha Chauncey will entertain on Saturday evening in honor of Lieutenant Max Borer, who has returned from France. The following guests will attend: Miss D. Shulman, Miss C. Shulman, Miss Ida Wilker, Miss Cecil Seigel, Miss Miriam Goldner, Miss Esther Kane, Miss Esther Blumberg, Mr. Stein, Mr. Wassermaier, Mr. Jacob Gerson, Mr. Jacob Kutler, Mr. M. Steinberg, Mr. J. Levy, Mr. Nat Reisman, Mr. Frank Nathans and Mr. Max Forman.

The Evening Public Ledger will be glad to receive announcements of engagements for the Society Page, providing the engagements may be verified. Notices should be written on one side of the paper and must be signed with full name and address and telephone number. Send notices to Society Editor, Evening Public Ledger, 608 Chestnut street.

Curiosity About the Future

Of course there's nothing to it, still, if a highly recommended fortune-teller were to happen along, we feel that Mr. William H. Henshler would be justified in having just enough curiosity to warrant his trying to steal a peep at what the future has in store for him.

MEMBERS OF MATINEE MUSICAL CLUB



Interested in the fourth and final dance to be given by the Matinee Musical Club this evening in the Rose Gardens of the Bellevue-Stratford

STRUGGLING MUSICIANS TO BE AIDED BY FUND

New Century Club to Provide Money to Help Students Reach Their Goal

To encourage struggling musicians and help them reach the goal they have set, a fund has been started by the New Century Club to provide money for the purpose.

The fund is to be known as the New Century Club Assistance Fund for Students of Music, and it has already received several subscriptions. The first big effort to start the fund will be made April 19 when the club chorus will give a concert and dance.

The fund is a testimonial to the work which has been done by Mrs. H. M. Fuller, who has, for a number of years, assisted young musicians through private subscriptions from members of the club.

The money will be given outright to the students and no interest will be charged. It is hoped that through the aid of the fund, the musicians will be able to arrive at a position in which it will be possible for them eventually to return the amount of their loan so that others may be helped.

The music committee also holds itself in readiness to advise students and to give help other than money.

Mrs. John Carey Hoyle is chairman of the committee and the other members are Miss Maude Burt McCall, Mrs. Leonard C. Ashton, Miss Elizabeth B. Collier, Mrs. Oswald J. DeLouse, Mrs. Lewis R. Dick, Miss Constance DuBois, Mrs. M. T. Nichols, Mrs. T. L. Nichols, Miss Elvira G. Plummers, Mrs. Theodore Presser, Miss Arline Tryon and Miss Rae Williams. In charge of the chorus are Mrs. S. B. Weston, Mrs. Charles E. Noble and Miss Mabel Corry.

MANY YOUTHS ENLIST HERE

Navy Especially Popular With Recruits to Military Service

Young America's taste of war seems to be increased. The percentage of enlistments in army, navy and marine corps recruiting stations in the city seems to suggest that like young Oliver Twist and his empty bowl, the youth of America cries "More, more," to the possibility of renewed or continued activity in the service of Uncle Sam.

REHEARSE "SHIMMY DANCE"

Student "Ballet" Busily Prepares for Mask and Wig Production

Rehearsals of an original "shimmy dance" are now being held at the University in connection with the coming Mask and Wig production.

LAURETTE TAYLOR OPENING MARCH 31

The opening of the engagement of Laurette Taylor in "Happiness" scheduled for tomorrow night at the Broad Street Theatre has been postponed until Monday evening, March 31. While Miss Taylor has recovered from the cold which she contracted recently in Cleveland, her physician considers it advisable for her to take an additional week's rest to restore her to her normal strength.

FRANKFORD SCHOOL BENEFIT

The Frankford Symphony Orchestra will give a recital in the auditorium of the Frankford High School this evening for the benefit of the decoration fund of the school.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest

Just as simple as that! The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Answering your question, "What is intoxication by alcohol?" that condition where the individual has passed beyond the stage of exhilaration, which is a physiological result of stimulation of various functions, and of depression of inhibitions, and entered the stage of hercibly impaired co-ordination—mental or physical; or both.

A Burning Question

Sir—After the facts of the case are presented in a practical manner and the arguments concluded, I will ask for the verdict. I think it will be proven that the prevailing high prices of domestic coal is the result of careful manipulation of conditions by the large and wealthy operators, who uncontrolled by law and order, are profiting from the winter weather, except to profit thereby, privately fix the prices after destroying competition by tricks of trade, such as dumping into the market, a huge quantity of inferior production, thus restricting the output to less than the demand, and putting the blame upon the labor element.

Family size has not so much as it was in the past. A number of families from various agents, the freight on the Reading Railroad was \$1.40 per ton on pea coal and \$1.70 on larger sizes. This coal was retailed to the household at \$2.50 per ton for pea coal and the larger sizes at \$4.75 to \$5.25 coal and clear of slats.

The improved rapid method of delivery of coal to the present time, to the consumer equalizes the cost with the old cost under less favorable appliances and wages, and I doubt if all the elements are carefully considered and calculated, the entire loss to the consumer, including the cost of the coal, that it costs one more cent than it did years ago. Furthermore, the railroads are hauling fifty-ton cars, where formerly they delivered four to twenty-ton cars, so the railroad charges remain same as years ago, and lastly the economic mining methods with mechanical slat picking make up for higher wages paid the miners.

COAL AND SINGLE TAX

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—You conclude your leading editorial in Saturday's issue with the following pertinent statement: "The question now is whether there can be organized in the State Legislature a commission qualified to do something that stumped the committee of United States Senators—to give the public a simple and lucid explanation of the situation as it actually exists in the coal industry. The people themselves will do the rest." While I admire the spirit with which you approach the question, I cannot agree with you in hoping that a commission of the State Legislature (qualified or unqualified) will arrive at any better results than the commission of United States Senators—if we continue to recognize by law and custom, the private ownership of the natural resources of the state.

COLGATE MEN TO MEET

Dinner to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the College

The annual dinner of the Philadelphia Alumni Association of Colgate University, at the City Club tomorrow night, will be a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the institution.

TO TALK ON BRIDGE PLANS

Dr. W. P. Laird, of U. of P., Will Discuss Architectural Aspect

Dr. Warren P. Laird, of the school of architecture, University of Pennsylvania, will deliver an illustrated talk on the Delaware River bridge project tonight at the monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, 1128 Walnut street.

FINE JOINT RECITAL AT THE METROPOLITAN

Zimbalist, Sophie Braslau and Ornstein Give a Notable Concert to Huge Audience

Elena Zimbalist, Sophie Braslau and Leo Ornstein gave one of the most important concerts of the local season before a crowded house at the Metropolitan last evening. The program was arranged in an unusual way, each of the soloists appearing in two successive groups of numbers. In a manner this is not a bad idea, as it allows the audience to assimilate at one time all the music of that particular kind that they are to hear at the concert, but it worked abstrusely in another way in that the first two soloists were required to give so many encores that Mr. Ornstein, in order to terminate the concert at a reasonable hour, was forced to omit some numbers and make radical changes in the choice of others. The plan will work well only at a concert where no encores are permitted.

Mr. Zimbalist was first on the program and played the familiar and difficult "La Folia" of Corelli. In this one of the oldest set of variations extant, he showed all the qualities of his artistry, which Philadelphia audiences know well. He was vigorously encoored, but began the second group of the program, a curious version of the Andante (available from the Debackowsky string quartet in D, a most attractive humorous work—Britten and a Hebrew melody of Aaron, and the "Chamber and Jotta" by Savary by Sarasate. In all he showed his beautiful, not a flawless technique and the careful artistic interpretation, free from all sentimentalism, that he always gives. He was recalled many times and played almost as many encores as he had original numbers. The best of which was "The Orientale." He played for nearly an hour.

Miss Braslau succeeded him, giving as her first number an aria from Gluck's "Orpheus and the Bacchant" from "L'Orphée" by Donizetti. Recalled, she sang a tercio song in English and then proceeded to her second number, a beautiful and original "The Song of Sibelius, which she had to repeat, "The Arabian Song" of Hofstad and the Jewish "The Song of the King" of Schostakovich. Her pathos and sincerity, and which liberally brought the audience to its feet.

Miss Braslau's voice is one of tremendous power and variety in its registers. Though she possesses the upward range of many sopranos the contralto quality remains throughout, and she sang all her numbers with intense feeling. Her first encore, "The Song of Sibelius" from "Orpheus" already referred to will long be remembered by those who heard it. Miss Braslau also was obliged to respond with many encores that were conspicuous of which was the "Robin Song" from Cadman's opera, "Shanewis."

By this time it was so late that Mr. Ornstein, in the interests of brevity, wisely decided to change his program. He was scheduled to play his own "Chamber music prelude and the Beethoven sonata 'Atonissima' but he had it announced that he would play instead the thirteenth and twelfth rhapsodies of Liszt. These he gave with the technique and style that in response to frantic applause, went directly to his second encore. He was to play the E-sharp major Nocturne and the G-minor ballade of Chopin, the D-flat Ballade and the "Elegiac" Fantasia, both by Liszt. Instead he gave (this time with out announcement) the D-flat and the G-flat waltzes of Chopin and the "Rigoletto" Fantasia, which were finely judged, the waltzes being taken at an exceedingly moderate tempo. Mr. Ornstein did not grant any encores, although he received enough applause to have given a dozen.

WESTERN STUDENTS ORGANIZE

Rocky Mountain Club Returns to University With Aid Vigor

An interesting meeting took place in the Houston Club of the University of Pennsylvania last night when all students from the Rocky Mountain states westward, got together to organize themselves more closely on the campus.

The Rocky Mountain Club, as it is called, is not a new organization, but it has been more or less dormant during the war when few men from such a distance attended Pennsylvania. Last night, it came back with all its accustomed spirit and vigor.

MATINEE MUSICAL CLUB DANCE

Fourth and Final Dance of Club's Social Season Held Tonight

The Matinee Musical Club will give the fourth and final dance of the season this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Rose Gardens of the Bellevue-Stratford. The proceeds are to be given to the French war relief branch of the club for the benefit of the little French village of Uzny in Gal, the reconstruction of which has been undertaken by the club. Three thousand dollars more is needed to complete the \$10,000 fund, more than half of which has already been sent over, and which the club is desirous of attending by May 1. A number of army and navy officers have accepted invitations to be present as guests of the club. The dance is under the direction of Mrs. George W. Edmonds, who has done so much to make the previous dances a success.

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